

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

The House passed H.R. 4577, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations.

The House agreed to the conference report on S. 761, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5059–S5163*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2726–2731, S. Res. 323, and S. Con. Res. 122. **Pages S5106–07**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals. (S. Rept. No. 106–308)

Report to accompany S. 2720, an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–309)

S. Res. 303, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment by the Russian Federation of Andrei Babitsky, a Russian journalist working for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5106**

**Measures Passed:**

***Certified Development Company Program Improvements Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 2614, to amend the Small Business Investment Act to make improvements to the certified development company program, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5154–59**

Allard (for Bond) Amendment No. 3431, providing for timely Administration action on geographic expansion applications, use of unobligated funds, and the HUBZone program. **Page S5156**

***School Governance Charter Amendment Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 4387, to provide that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 shall

take effect upon the date such Act is ratified by the voters of the District of Columbia, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5159**

***Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array Operations:*** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. 2498, to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, construct, and equip laboratory, administrative, and support space to house base operations for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array located on Mauna Kea at Hilo, Hawaii, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5159**

***Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Land Trust:*** Senate passed S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band. **Pages S5159–60**

***National Eat Dinner With Your Children Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 323, designating Monday, June 19, 2000, as “National Eat-Dinner-With-Your-Children Day”. **Pages S5160–61**

**Measure Indefinitely Postponed:**

***Department of Defense Appropriations Act:*** S. 2593, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Page S5154**

***National Defense Authorization:*** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year

for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S5059–60, S5071–83**

Adopted:

Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 3382, to clarify the duties of the Chief of Naval Research as the Navy's manager of research funds. **Pages S5071–83**

Levin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3383, to provide, with an offset, \$5,000,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation Defense-wide for the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program for technologies for the detection and transport of pollutants resulting from live-fire activities. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3384, to increase by \$45,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated for environmental restoration of formerly used defense sites and reduce defense-wide operations and maintenance accounts by \$45,000,000 for mobility enhancements. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 3385, to set aside for weatherproofing of facilities at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, \$2,800,000 of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the Air Force for operation and maintenance. **Pages S5071–83**

Levin (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3386, to remove the inclusion of housing in the determining of income eligibility for WIC support for members of the Armed Forces overseas. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3387, to improve access to health care under the TRICARE program by prohibiting a requirement for statements of nonavailability or preauthorization for certain services under that program. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 3388, to modify the time for use by members of the Selected Reserve of entitlement to certain educational assistance. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3389, to treat as veterans individuals who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard during World War II. **Pages S5071–83**

Levin (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3390, to extend to members of the National Guard and other reserve components not on active duty the entitlement to receive special duty assignment pay. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3391, to authorize the expansion of service areas for transferees of former uniformed services treatment facilities that are included in the uniformed services health care delivery system. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Thompson) Amendment No. 3392, to refine and advance Federal acquisition streamlining. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner Amendment No. 3393, to increase by \$2,500,000 the amount provided for the Army for operation and maintenance for the ceremonial rifle program; and to offset that increase by reducing by \$2,500,000 the amount provided for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, for spectrum database upgrades. **Pages S5071–83**

Levin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 3394, to set aside up to \$1,000,000 for the support of programs to promote informal region-wide dialogues on arms control and regional security issues for Arab, Israeli, and United States officials and experts. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3395, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the United States Air Force Institute of Technology. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3396 (to Amendment No. 3237—agreed to in Senate on June 8, 2000), to make a technical correction. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3397, to increase the TRICARE maximum allowable charge for physicians in rural States, and to require a report on nonparticipation of physicians in TRICARE in rural States. **Pages S5071–83**

Levin (for Feingold/Thompson) Amendment No. 3398, to extend the authority of the Federal Government to conduct public interest law enforcement conveyances of surplus property. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner Amendment No. 3399, to require a report on the status of domestic preparedness against the threat of biological terrorism. **Pages S5071–83**

Levin (for Robb/Warner) Amendment No. 3400, to authorize a land conveyance, former National Ground Intelligence Center, Charlottesville, Virginia. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Grams) Amendment No. 3401, to authorize a land conveyance, Army Reserve Center, Winona, Minnesota. **Pages S5071–83**

Levin (for Edwards) Amendment No. 3402, to express the sense of the Senate that members of the Armed Forces who receive special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger should receive the same tax treatment as members serving in combat zones. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Hutchinson/Cleland) Amendment No. 3403, to modify the basic allowance for housing. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3404, to authorize the acceptance and use of gifts from the Air Force Museum Foundation for the construction of a third building for the United States Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. **Pages S5071–83**

Warner (for Inhofe/Robb) Amendment No. 3405, to require a General Accounting Office review of the AH-64 aircraft program of the Army. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 3406, to make available, with an offset, an additional \$2,500,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army for Countermine Systems for research in acoustic mine detection. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner (for Snowe) Amendment No. 3407, to permit the lease of the Naval Computer Telecommunications Center, Cutler, Maine, pending its conveyance. **Pages S5071-83**

Levin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3408, to modify the authorized conveyee of certain land at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner (for Gramm) Amendment No. 3409, to consent to the retransfer by the Government of Greece to USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc., of an alternative LST excess to the needs of the Government of Greece. **Pages S5071-83**

Levin (for Conrad) Amendment No. 3410, to require a report on the establishment of a global missile launch early warning center. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner Amendment No. 3411, to require a General Accounting Office review of the working-capital fund activities of the Department of Defense, including the use of carryover authority between fiscal years. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner (for Snowe/Robb) Amendment No. 3412, to impose requirements for the implementation of the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet. **Pages S5071-83**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3413, to enhance authorities relating to education partnerships to encourage scientific study. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner Amendment No. 3414, to make available, with an offset, an additional \$5,000,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army for Concepts Experimentation Program for test and evaluation of future operational technologies for use by mounted maneuver forces. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner/Robb Amendment No. 3415, to provide for the development of a Marine Corps Heritage Center at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia. **Pages S5071-83**

Levin (for Murray) Amendment No. 3416, to require the Army National Guard to carry out a demonstration project to provide Internet access and services to rural communities that are unserved or underserved by the Internet. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 3417, to authorize, with an offset, \$300,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation Defense-wide for Generic Logistics Research and Development Technology Demonstrations for air logistics technology. **Pages S5071-83**

Levin (for Cleland) Amendment No. 3418, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to General Wesley K. Clark, United States Army, in recognition of his outstanding leadership and service during the military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). **Pages S5071-83**

Warner Amendment No. 3419, to conform the requirement for verbatim records of the proceedings of special courts-martial to the increased punishment authority of special courts-martial. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 3420, to require the Secretary of Defense to prescribe policies and procedures for Department of Defense decision-making on actions to be taken in cases of false claims submitted to the Department of Defense. **Pages S5071-83**

Levin (for Edwards/Torricelli) Amendment No. 3421, expressing the sense of the Senate that long-term economic development aid should be immediately provided to assist communities rebuilding from Hurricane Floyd. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner (for Fitzgerald) Amendment No. 3422, to provide for the coverage and treatment of unutilized and underutilized plant-capacity costs of United States arsenals when making supplies and providing services for the United States Armed Forces. **Pages S5071-83**

Levin (for Edwards/Helms) Amendment No. 3423, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey, to the city of Jacksonville, North Carolina, certain land for the purpose of permitting the City to develop the parcel for initial use as a bike/green way trail. **Pages S5071-83**

Warner (for Enzi/Thomas) Amendment No. 3424, to authorize, with an offset, \$1,450,000 for a contribution by the Air National Guard to construction of a new airport tower at Cheyenne Airport, Cheyenne, Wyoming. **Pages S5071-83**

Pending:

Smith (of NH) Amendment No. 3210, to prohibit granting security clearances to felons. **Page S5059**

McCain Amendment No. 3214, (to Amendment No. 3210), to require the disclosure of expenditures and contributions by certain political organizations.

**Transportation Appropriations:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5088-99**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 129) Shelby (for Harkin/Grassley) Amendment No. 3428, to modify a highway project in the State of Iowa. **Pages S5098-99**

Shelby/Lautenberg Amendment No. 3426, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5088–99**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Senate sustained a point of order against Dorgan/Ashcroft Amendment No. 3427, to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and the amendment thus fell.

**Pages S5094–96**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for certain amendments to be proposed to the bill.

**Pages S5097–98**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, on Thursday, June 15, 2000.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all first degree amendments be filed by 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2000.

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**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, with a vote to occur thereon, no later than July 12, 2000.

**Pages S5064–65**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Executive Order 12938 relative to the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–114)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the President's periodic report on the national emergency caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979 for the period August 19, 1999 through February 19, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–115)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 128), Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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**Messages From the President:**

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5103–05**

**Text of H.R. 4576, as previously passed:**  
**Pages S5140–54**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5140**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—129) **Pages S5069, S5099**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 p.m., and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5161.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### RURAL AREA INTERNET ACCESS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on S. 2454, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers, focusing on wireless high speed Internet access for rural areas, after receiving testimony from Roy J. Stewart, Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Larry Morton, Equity Broadcasting Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas, on behalf of the Community Broadcasters Association; James J. Popham, Association of Local Television Stations, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Dean M. Mosely, U.S. Interactive/AccelerNet, Houston, Texas.

### ETHANOL

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on the environmental benefits and impacts of ethanol under the Clean Air Act, after receiving testimony from Senators Grassley, Harkin, and Durbin; Gordon Proctor, Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus; Daniel S. Greenbaum, Health Effects Institute, Cambridge Massachusetts; A. Blakeman Early, on behalf of the American Lung Association, and Bob Slaughter, on behalf of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Michael S. Graboski, Colorado Institute for Fuels